WRITTEN ANSWERS

വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ പ്രക്ഷോഭണം സംബന്ധിച്ച മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി നടത്തുന്ന പ്രസ് കോൺഫറൻസ്.

* 1600. [34] ശ്രീ. കുസുമം ജോസഫ്: താഴെ കാണുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ:

(എ) വിദ്യാഭ്യാസ അകറിനെതിരായി ശ്രുപംകൊള്ളുന്ന പ്രക്ഷോഭണത്തിന്റെ മുൻപന്തിയിൽ നില്ക്കുന്നവരെ മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി ഒരു കോൺഫറൻസിനു ക്ഷണിക്കുകയുണ്ടായോ;

(ബി) അവരുടെ മറുപടി എന്തായിരുന്നു;

(സി) എന്നത്തേക്ക് ഈ കോൺഫറൻസ് നടത്താനാണുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത്?

മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി (ശ്രീ ഇ. എം. എസ്. നമ്പൂതിരിപ്പാട്):

ഈ സംബന്ധിച്ചുനടന്ന കത്തിടപാടുകളുടെ കോപ്പി മേശപ്പുറത്തു വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്*.

ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് ബസ് സ്റ്റാൻഡുകളിലെ യാത്രക്കാർക്കു ലഘുഭക്ഷണത്തിനുവേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാട്.

* 1601. [37] ശ്രീ. ടി. കെ. കൃഷ്ണൻ: താഴെ കാണുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിനു ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ട് വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ:

തൃശ്ശൂർ, എറണാകുളം എന്നീ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് ട്രാൻസ്പോർട്ടബസ് സ്റ്റാൻഡുകളിൽ യാത്രക്കാർക്ക് ലഘുഭക്ഷണം കഴിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള യാതൊരു ഏർപ്പാടുമില്ലെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ? അതു പരിഹരിക്കാൻ എന്തെങ്കിലും നടപടി എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഗതാഗതവും തൊഴിലുംവകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി(ശ്രീ. ടി. വി. തോമസ്):

അറിയാം. ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ തൊഴിലാളികളുടേയും, യാത്രക്കാരുടേയും ഉപയോഗത്തിനായി തൃശ്ശൂരിൽ ഒരു കാഫറ്റീരിയാ തുറക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ട നടപടികളും എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്. എറണാകുളത്തു ഇപ്രകാരം ഒരു കാഫറ്റീരിയാ തുറക്കുന്നതിനു സ്ഥലമില്ല. സ്ഥലം, സൌകര്യപ്പെടുത്തുന്ന കാര്യം ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ പരിഗണനയിലിരിക്കുകയാണ്.

അംശം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ സർവ്വീസ് ഏകീകരണം.

* 1602. [38] ശ്രീ. ടി. ഒ. ബാവ: താഴെ കാണുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ:

(എ) തിരു-കൊച്ചിയിലേയും, കാസർകോട്, മലബാർ വിഭാഗത്തേയും അംശം ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ സർവ്വീസ് ഏകീകരണം നടപ്പിലായിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

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*Please see Appendix.

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APPENDIX I.

(Please see answer to question No.1600 [34])

Letter dated 2nd May 1959 from the Chief Minister Kerala, to the Corporate Managers.

Certain press reports have appeared to the effect that your organisation has some grievances against the Government and that for this reason you propose to keep the schools closed from June onwards. I do not know whether this has been correctly reported.

In any case, I want to assure you that the Government will be prepared to discuss with you any specific problem or grievance which you may like to raise with the Government. The only point that I want to make clear is that Government have no intention to accept the demand of certain managements that the Education Act should not be enforced. That Act, as you know, is the result of several months' labours in which the Government and Legislature of this State, the Central Government and the Supreme Court of the country have been associated. The Government cannot go back on the clear provisions made in that Act, although they would certainly be willing to discuss with the managements on the concrete details of how those provisions should be implemented.

It was with this idea that they invited the Managers for a Conference on the 13th and 14th April. I would therefore, request you to let me know whether you desire to discuss with the Government any specific point which does not go against the provisions of the Education Act.

Letter dated 11th May, 1959 from Rt. Rev. Dr. Vincent V. Dereere, O. C. D., Bishop of Trivandrum to the Chief Minister.

In reply to your letter dated 2nd May 1959 I wish to inform you that the grievances of this Management relate to several of the provisions of the Kerala Education Act which are highly objectionable. Representations have been made by the Private School Managers' Association and other bodies to withdraw or amend those provisions. But up to now those provisions have neither been withdrawn nor amended. A discussion therefore of the kind you suggest which could not affect the provisions of the Act would serve no purpose.

I therefore regret to inform you that under the circumstances classes will not be held in the schools of this Diocese until the Act is suitably amended.

[Similar letters have been received by the Chief Minister from the other Corporate Managers.]

Letter dated 14th May 1959 from the Chief Minister, Kerala, to the Corporate Managers, in reply to their letters.

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I have received Your letter of May...., 1959.

I regret to note from your letter that you do not think any purpose will be served by a discussion between you and us unless and until the vital provisions of the Kerala Education Act are withdrawn.

May I point out to you that there are several ways open to you other than the closure of schools which, I am sure you realise, would go against the interests of the guardians who want to educate their children and of the teachers who want to continue in employment. You may, for example, convert your schools from Aided to Recognised schools, in which case you will not be bound by the various provisions of the Education Act to which you object. Even if you do not choose to do so, there is a certain amount of elbow room for you to work within the provisions of Section 11 of the Education Act itself. If there are points relating to either of these courses on which you find difficulties, I thought that perhaps a discussion may help to iron out those difficulties.

May I also point out to you that, if you are of opinion that the provisions objected to are unconstitutional (as I find from newspaper reports that several supporters of the school closure movement are arguing in their public speeches), there is the Supreme Court before which you can place your case. Again, if it is your case that the mass of the people are against this Education Act, and the Government that have piloted this legislation (as once again I find many of the supporters of the school closure movement are asking), you may well wait for the next three years by which time new general elections will take place, and as you expect a new Government which will be in support of your stand come into existence and cancel this legislation. Such an appeal, either to the judiciary against a particular piece of legislation or to the electorate against the Government that piloted the piece of legislation is the constitutional step that is resorted to in parliamentary democracy.

So far as we are concerned, let me make it perfectly clear that we do not think it proper on the part of the individual or corporate management of private schools to demand all the rights of Aided Schools without corresponding obligations. Your position seems to be that, while the Government should give the full financial aid that is envisaged in the Education Act, the Government should not have any right to regulate the mode of appointment of teachers. This is a position which, unfortunately, cannot be accepted by the Government as I had made clear in my letter of 2nd May.

Let me, in the end, point out that I can even understand your decision to close your schools on the ground that, since you are the proprietors and managers of schools, it is perfectly within your rights, either to continue to run the schools or to close them. But then it is equally the right of the parents of pupils admitted or to be admitted in your schools that they

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should have the facilities for education. It is also the right of the teachers in the schools, which are now proposed to be closed by you, to continue to be in employment even if you decide to close the school. As for the Government, it is its right and even duty to make alternate arrangements in place of what you have been making so far. I, however, find that the supporters of the school closure movement are denying even this. I am referring to the speeches made by several of such supporters of the school closure movement that, if anybody puts up sheds and starts new schools in place of the ones closed by the managers, these new sheds would be burnt down. I also find that exhortations are being made to the effect that not only should private schools be closed, but that "direct action" should be resorted to against Government schools and such private schools as are kept open by managers who choose to do so. Such exhortations (not to speak of actions following them) are, I am sure you will admit, unconstitutional and would lead to disastrous consequences unless checked in time. I, therefore, request you to raise your voice against such unconstitutional activities on the part of those who support you. In any case, I hope you will appreciate that the Government cannot tolerate such activities.

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